

§Appl. No. 10/620,798
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Reply to Office Action of, September 20, 2005

In the Drawings:

Applicant has amended Fig. 1 to include reference numeral 91'.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Independent claim 1 and claims 2-7 have been cancelled. New independent claim 8 and claims 9-15 which depend therefrom, remain in this application for examination.

Information Disclosure Statement:

Applicant attaches hereto copies of Abstracts of the Japanese patents cited in the PCT Search.

Drawings:

Applicant has revised Fig. 1 to show an element 91' which corresponds to the structure recited on page 6, second paragraph of the application.

Specification:

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been rewritten as a single paragraph.

Claim Rejections:

Claims 1-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicant has addressed each ground of rejection by canceling claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer and filing revised claims 8-15 which are in standard form for the United States practice..

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claims 1-7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by any one of Dixon, Roccaforte or Collins et al.

It is respectfully submitted that this rejection of Applicant's claims as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is not sustainable with respect to Applicants new claims 8-15 because Applicant's new independent claim 8 does not have the following structure:

a front panel defined by first and second seams and by two free unattached side

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edges (two side edges 78 and 77).

With respect to Dixon, it is seen that the front panel 16 has side flaps 28 and 30 extending therefrom. With respect to Collins et al., it is seen that the top panel 21 and bottom panel 23, which are the only panels which could be corresponded to Applicant's front panel 11 and back panel 21, both have side flaps 51-51 and 53-53. Moreover, Collins is directed to a carton rather than Applicant's claimed folding box which has an attachment flap secured thereto for hanging the claimed expanded folding box for display. With respect to Roccaforte, Roccaforte clearly discloses a front panel 17 that has side flaps 36 and 37, structure clearly precluded by Applicant's claimed free unattached side edges.

Clearly, a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) would be improper with respect to claims 9-15 depended from claim 8 because none of the applied references have all of the structure recited in claim 8 from which claims 9-15 depend.

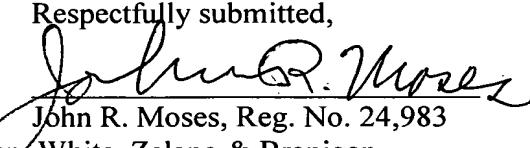
Briefly, new dependent claim 9 recites the structure of the grooves which permit the box structure to fold from the Fig. 3 position to the Fig. 4 position and then to the Fig. 6 position before being expanded to the Fig. 5 position. New dependent claim 10 recites the fiber orientation which is designated by the arrow 2 in Fig. 3 and new dependent claim 11 recites the structure illustrated by the attachment flap 51 and side flaps 61 and 65 which combine to form the "combination section (50)". New dependent claims 12 and 14 cover the concept shown in Figs. 5 and 6 illustrating the extent of the attachment flap structure 50, 51 while new dependent claim 13 covers the concept of original claim 5. New dependent claim 15 covers the concept of claim 3 wherein the surface area of the top panel is not smaller than that of the bottom panel.

In that this is a full and complete response to the Office Action of September 20, 2005, this application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner for any reason feels a personal conference with Applicants' attorneys might expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned locally.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,


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